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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SY, UNRWA, US
SUBJECT: SYRIA-UNRWA SEEK TO KEEP CAMPS QUIET OVER DELAY IN RATIONS
DISTRIBUTION

REF: USUN 5635

1. EMBOFF TOLD BY SARG OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR LIAISON
OFFICE (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR PALESTINIAN ARAB REFUGEES
- GAPAR) WITH UNRWA AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEES THAT
PRIMIN KHULAYFAWI RECENTLY RECEIVED PROTEST PETITION BY
REFUGEE REPRESENTATIVES OVER DELAYS AND SHORTFALLS IN
DISTRIBUTION OF FLOUR. REPS ALSO MET WITH UNRWA DIRECTOR
DESILLEN TO RAISE SAME PROBLEMS. SOURCE SAID KHULAYFAWI
WAS UPSET AND ORDERED MINLABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO MEET
WITH UNRWA REPS AND WORK OUT SOLUTION.

2. SOURCE CLAIMED THAT DELAYS HAD BEEN EXPERIENCED IN
SYRIAN LOAN OF FLOUR TO UNRWA WHICH IN ANY CASE WAS ONLY
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SUFFICIENT FOR DISTRIBUTION OF 6.5 KILOS PER MONTH
AS OPPOSED TO 10 KILOS NORMALLY DISTRIBUTED. MOREOVER,
THIS FLOUR WILL AT EARLIEST BE DISTRIBUTED JAN. 20
RATHER THAN TENTH OF MONTH WHEN RATIONS NORMALLY DIS-
TRIBUTED. THIS, COUPLED WITH DECEMBER'S DISTRIBUTION
OF SMALL QUANTITY OF RICE AS SUBSTITUTE FOR FLOUR, HAD
CAUSED SOME ANGER AMONG CAMP INHABITANTS. LOCAL UNRWA

DIRECTOR DESILLEN HAS SENT REQUEST TO UNRWA HEADQUARTERS REQUESTING PERMISSION USE UNDISTRIBUTED FLOUR INTENDED FOR LEBANON IN 1976 AND WAREHOUSED HERE TO COVER SHORTFALLS. TO DATE, NO ANSWER RECEIVED.

3. GAPAR DIRECTOR USED OCCASION TO REMIND EMBOFF THAT CHRONIC ANNUAL UNRWA BUDGETARY SHORTFALLS CREATED POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR HOST COUNTRIES. HE CANDIDLY ADMITTED THAT REFUGEE LIVING CONDITIONS HAD IN MANY CASES RISEN TO A POINT THAT WAS BETTER THAN SOME ELEMENTS IN LOWEST SYRIAN SOCIAL STRATA BUT ARGUED THAT REFUGEES, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, SEE UNRWA PROGRAMS AS REFLECTION OF U.S. POLICY AND INTENT TOWARDS THEM AND THAT PROGRAM CUTBACKS SEEN AS DEMONSTRATING U.S. INDIFFERENCE TO THEIR PLIGHT. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT U.S. HAD TRADITIONALLY CONTRIBUTED VERY LARGE SHARE OF UNRWA EXPENSES AND IF TODAY IT PAID A SOMEWHAT SMALLER PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DUES THAN IN YEARS PAST- THIS EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHER DONORS TO DO MORE. EMBOFF PROMISED GET UPDATE ON PROPOSED U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA AND GIVE IT TO HIM AT EARLY DATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ACCORDING REFTTEL, U.S. PLEDGED \$26.7 MILLION AND DEPT PREPARING TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS. IF MORE NOW KNOWN ABOUT SIZE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION REQUEST TO CONGRESS, PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS. MURPHY

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